

Political motive lurks behind office wrecking

By Jennifer Robinson

Vandals ransacked a professor's office in Leacock over the weekend.

The intruders slashed telephone wires, scattered books and files on the floor and tore pictures from the walls of Professor Antal Deutsch's office. Nothing was stolen but the vandals contented themselves by scrawling the letters "CIA" on the walls.

Deutsch, an economics professor, claimed that he had no idea who was responsible for the deed. "As far as I know, I have no personal enemies" he stated. However, he did not disclaim the possibility of the vandals belonging to a political group that was violently opposed to his principles. Deutsch did not volunteer the name of such a 'group' but simply asked "Well, what political group on campus is violent and opposed to my principles?"



Bob Bellini

Economics professor and "free-trader" Antal Deutsch poses with telephone coil in vandalized office

Deutsch discovered the break-in Sunday morning when he entered his office to "finish some work". In an interview with the Daily, Deutsch concluded that the weekend visitors were not searching for any specific thing because two unlocked filing cabinets were left untouched.

The vandals entered Deutsch's office with a key either Friday night or Saturday. "I can't imagine who would do such a thing", Deutsch commented and asked the Daily reporter if the campus newspaper had been responsible for the vandalism.

By Stormin' Norman
and Felsty Jeff

The McGill Winter Carnival is back again, with booze this time and lots of it! This annual extravaganza

runs for nine days beginning Friday and will include no less than 30 events ranging from The Great Pecarvé, to a mysterious Mayhem Day to a Bogey Film Festival.

out," gleefully stated publicity coordinator Victor Gibbs.

The organization for this winter's Carnival began in early November when Lorraine Clark, who worked on last year's Vanier Carnival, organized a series of open meetings from which emerged the staff. The coordinators were able to tap last year's organizers Mark Bernier and Robert Ogle as well as Comptroller Sadie Hemple for advice and suggestions.

"Events were then farmed out to individuals and clubs," said organizer Boswell. "We're much better organized. Last year's Carnival had too few staff. In addition we can draw on the experience of last year's people."

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Perennial favourites returning this year include Bavarian Night, daily beer gardens, spaghetti eating contest, and two ski trips. However, there will be no ice palace due (believe it or not) to the high cost of ice.

There will be a pep rally to recruit volunteers tonight at 475 Prince Arthur from 8 pm to 11 pm. The traditional opening day parade will commence at the Roddick Gates Friday at noon.

Those wishing further information have been asked to call 392-8977.

Atlantic fees face rise

HALIFAX (CUP)—Tuition fees will have to rise if the governments of the Maritime provinces do not grant post-secondary institutions in the region an average increase of 12.5 percent in operating grants, the Association of Atlantic Universities has warned.

The increase is necessary to meet rising costs of more than 20 percent and wage increases for faculty and support staff "within the AIB (Anti-Inflation Board) guidelines," stated association chairperson Ronald Barker in a release January 25.

The demand is contained in a letter to the Council of Maritime Premiers drafted the preceding week at Dalhousie University, where the 20-member association of universities and colleges met to discuss their needs and examine cost-cutting measures.

Barker said the 12.5 percent increase was the minimum needed for institutions whose tuition fees, comprising about 20 percent of revenue, "are already the highest in the country."

The letter to the premiers poses a 10 percent wage increase for employees, noting

that most wage settlements were below the AIB guidelines last year, while faculty in the region are the lowest paid in the country.

The increase the association expects for 1977-78 is lower than the average yearly increase afforded Maritime post-secondary institutions in the three-year period between 1973-74 and

1976-77, which totalled 52.4 percent, according to figures from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The association said at a recent news conference that the level of tuition fees next year depends on the premiers' response. The answer may be given to the premiers' council meeting in February.

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Citing the wider range of events, Knowles stated that "these events are for all the students, not just Ghetto and residence people." Knowles added that the wide variety of events occurring at various sites around Montreal should provide entertainment for students with a variety of tastes, and for those living outside the immediate McGill area.

The Winter Carnival's Grand Finale in the Union will be an "entertainment complex" including the Bogey Film Festival, a Casino Night with a "big band", a quiet Valentine's Day pub, The Doctors of Philosophy by Players' Club, and a rock and roll band in the Union Pub (formerly Gertrude's). "People will have no excuse not to come

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order to bolster our secondary and manufacturing sectors. The current centre of secondary economic expansion is the southern US where low taxes, an unorganized labour force, and backward labour legislation has created

a businessman's paradise.

Robert Bourassa, for all his faults, was the man with the economic and business credentials to deal with American investors. If he couldn't, how is Lévesque going to?

In any event, there is a growing body of evidence which substantiates the

conclusion that foreign investment retards Quebec's economic growth, distorts the necessary balance between primary and secondary economic activity and necessarily restricts opportunities for employment instead of creating them in numbers corresponding to the real capacities and potential of the resources of Quebec.

Finally, the whole logic of an economic system which depends on outsiders to graciously allow us, "the natives", the right to work is absurd and perverted.

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—Lewis Gotthell

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COMMENT

The Intellectual fanatic supporters of the PQ must be very disappointed over its educational and labour policies in action. A party which promised enlightened vision in the educational field, which publicly advocated freedom of association and which condemned the process of "negotiation in bad faith" has lost much credibility following the lengthy conflicts at Université de Laval and UQAM.

It is understandable that René Lévesque, for fear of tampering with university autonomy, did not intervene directly in the conflict. Less understandable is the fact that neither Lévesque, Morin nor Couture have publicly condemned the administration's intransigence or forced them to negotiate seriously.

Ordel for the relatively early settlement at Laval cannot be given to the new government whose influence was wholly accidental. It cannot be denied that the 14 PQ MNAs who are academics had a positive influence in bringing the two parties to agreement. But however positive this influence might have been, it was more notably passive, if not underhanded. Its influence can be summarized as after-election euphoria, which haloed all faculty members and drove administrators to accept

the Soberman Report for fear of governmental intervention. As a result, SPUL's Livre Rouge was approved almost integrally.

The case of Laval having made history, it remains to consider that of UQAM, a university which more than any other is caught between the students' changing aspirations and the state's bureaucratic machine.

UQAM was founded in 1968 in response to the demand for intellectual workers in the capitalist economies, in the state's bureaucratic machines and in the educational system. Attracted by the expansion of a work field previously reserved to the élite, and encouraged by government loans and bursaries, students massed into the university aspiring to rise to the status of socio-economic élite. This mass migration soon brought about a devaluation of the qualified intellectual worker.

Students, now disillusioned about the bright future are still pursuing university studies, but with different aspirations. Instead of seeking a bright future, they are trying to make the most out of their student life. This shift in aspirations has resulted in less time spent on free, individual studies and more time spent on recreation,

and part-time work.

This in turn has created a lag in academic development and pressured responsible pedagogical staff, which must either "flunk" a greater number of students or lower their evaluation standards. The task of the university professor is thus practically reduced to that of a diploma-distributing machine.

Other universities in Quebec have survived this socio-economic transition because they still can feed the business world with the élite it needs. Specialized faculties such as medicine, engineering and law are the nucleus of these universities.

UQAM with its unspecialized program cannot fulfill the demands of the business sector. As a result it is relegated to the rank of second class university, with inferior funding. Several methods of saving, such as the hiring of teaching assistants instead of full-time professors, have been used and the Després Reform has been introduced in an attempt to curb opposition to these tactics. This is the source of the conflict between SPUQ and the UQAM administration.

The conflict at UQAM is practically over as SPUQ has conditionally accepted the conciliated agreement.

Between settlements at Laval and UQAM:

contradictions more acute

Jacques-Yves Morin's contribution has been to suggest the eventual holding of an inquiry into university affairs, mentioning that the labour relations elements of the conflict must be dealt with now by the two parties, and the ideological elements be held for the inquiry. Although the inquiry will probably prove beneficial in the long run, the suggestion is impractical for UQAM, where the substance of the conflict is ideological and immediate.

Like its predecessor, the PQ government has refused to intervene in the serious conflicts at Laval and UQAM. This inaction not only reflects the wisdom of not wanting to interfere with the autonomy of the institution but also confirms the determination which the PQ has, like its predecessor, of not taking direct action that is incompatible with the interests of the business sector.

—Josée Gravel

To the Daily:

According to Lewis Gotthell (Labour Notes, 27 January), "Any words of assurance and friendship Lévesque offered ... to the leaders of American business are words of hostility and opposition to the labour and popular social movements of Quebec."

This isn't true. The labour movement wants jobs. Lévesque, besides being an astute politician, knows the economic realities of North America. The unemployment rate in Quebec is a national (provincial?) disgrace, made worse by the tendency of American business since World War II to concentrate investment (of the high-technology type) in Ontario. Rodrigue Tremblay, the PQ Commerce and Industry Minister, has blamed this pro-Ontario bias for many of Quebec's economic ills.

The answer to sky-high unemployment is investment in productive industrial projects. Hydro-Québec's exploratory efforts create jobs. The expansion of Sidbec (the Fire Lake project, for example) creates jobs. These are certainly not American-run companies.

On the other hand, the United States, for better or worse, possesses the capital necessary to finance such large-scale ventures. A massive public works program undertaken by the government is the only alternative to investment-led industrial expansion, but Lévesque rejected

this approach in his speech to the Economic Club, calling it the "source of an excessive growth of the government bureaucracy."

So Quebec must look to investment, be it American, West German or even Canadian, to create jobs. Tremblay, in his recent speech at Northwestern University, said that the great economic challenge facing Quebec is "to increase industrial investment and to integrate businesses, in their decisions and their operations, into the Quebec milieu." The "maître chez nous" philosophy remains—the government will strictly monitor foreign investments for their social, political, economic and cultural implications. Lévesque reiterates this point in speech after speech; nobody is going to let him get away with selling the province to the highest bidder. The astute politician always keeps one eye (and often both eyes) on the ballot box.

Lévesque also realizes that Quebec, as a net exporter of capital, does have the potential to finance its own projects. However, it will take a great deal of jawboning and arm-twisting to convince the large insurance companies and banks to reverse the established practice of sending capital outside the province. Lévesque is the one person most capable of attempting to cajole and bully those who control the savings of Québécois into keeping the money within the province. Bourassa was un-

able to do this.

Foreign investment isn't inherently evil. If properly controlled, it could help Quebec to develop her mineral, hydro-electric and industrial resources to the point where indigenous investment, attracted by economic stability and governmental responsibility, would replace loans floated on the international capital market. Admittedly, this will come some time in the future, and perhaps after Lévesque is no longer in power. But instead of criticizing the premier for assuring Wall Street, one should praise him for his display of economic pragmatism.

Paul Saunders

The preceding analysis is faulty in two major respects: First, the value of any kind of foreign investment in Quebec is questionable, to say the least.

Simply stated, investors come here to take out more than they put in. This is the rationale of any foreign investor and is enough to make him a very improbable friend of those who believe in the real fulfillment of Quebec's economic potential.

There is a growing body of literature which documents the ill effects of foreign investment in Canada. One can cite the writings of Karl Levitt, Mel Watkins, and the old NDP Waffle, Walter Gordon, and McGill Professor Eric Kierans, as just a small number of examples. To top it off, there is the large "Gray Report on Foreign Investment in Canada" published by the

Investment and Quebec:

Lévesque a sellout or pragmatist?

Government of Canada which lists all the drawbacks of foreign investment, our dependence on foreign capital, knowledge, technology, markets, and language of production.

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Secondly and more specifically, American investors view us as simple hewers of wood and drawers of water. Projects like James Bay or equivalent Hydro large-scale works create few permanent jobs and simply tie us, to an even greater extent, to the fluctuation of American industrial needs.

American investment rarely bolsters our secondary industrial sector where numerous permanent jobs could be created under different economic and structural circumstances.

In the original article, I expressed, to a certain degree, admiration for René Lévesque.

However, I believe that Mr. Saunders is wildly off the mark in proposing that Lévesque can convince American investors to reverse the historical trends of investment in Quebec and invest in

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